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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EINV, ETRD, PFOR  
SUBJECT: YEMENI REACTION TO US CONGRESSSIONAL ANTI-BOY-COTT MEASURES

1. FOR FIRST TIME IN LONG TIME THERE HAS BEEN PUBLIC YEMENI REACTION TO CURRENT CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON THE ARAB BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL. LOCAL NEWS MEDIA HAVE CCRRIED COMMENTARIES NOTING THAT CONGRESS IS NOW CONSIDERING THE PASSAGE OF BILLS WHICH WILL MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR AMERICAN COMPANIES TO ABIDE BY THE ARAB BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL. THE THRUST OF THE COMMENTARIES HAS BEEN THAT SUCH ACTIONS WILL ONLY "DISRUPT RELATIONS AND INTERESTS OF AMERICAN COMPANIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST AS WELL AS ENCOURAGE ISRAELIS IN THEIR INTRANISGENCE".

2. SEVERAL CARTOONS HAVE ALSO APPEARED ON THE SUBJECT, ONE OF WHICH SHOWS AN AMERICAN HAND SHAKING AN ARAB HAND WITH A FIGURE HOLDING A BIG ROCK WITH THE LEGEND "CONGRESSIONAL LAW FORBIDDING AMERICAN COMPANIES TO COOPERATE WITH THE ARAB BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL." CAPTION OF THE CARTOON READS "THE ROCK WHICH THREATENS ARAB/AMERICAN FREINDSHIP." ANOTHER CARTOON SHOWS PRESIDENT CARTER WALKING TOWARD AN ARAB WEARING A BALL AND CHAIN DESIGNATED AS ISRAEL WITH THE CAPTION "I CAN'T  
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REACH YOU, MY FRIEND, BECAUSE I HAVE A PAIN IN MY FOOT."

3. COMMENT: THE TENOR THUS FAR OF THE COMMENTARIES APPEARS TO BE ONE MORE OF SORROW THAN AGER. IMPLICIT ALSO IS THE CONCERN THAT ARAB/AMERICAN COOPERATION IN ECONOMIC AS WELL AS POLITICAL FIELDS MAY BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THE IMPENDING CONGRESSIONAL ACTION. AS HAS BEEN REPORTED IN THE PAST,

THE ACIIP/ISRAELI ISSUE IS NOT ONE WHICH OCCUPIES THE YEMENIS  
CDRY MUCH. MOREOVER, THE BOYCOTT HAS BEEN HONORED HERE MORE  
IN THE BREECH. NONETHELESS, SHOULD PRESSURE BUILD ON THE  
ARABS TO REACT TO THE AMERICAN ANTI-BOYCOTT LEGISLATION IT  
WILL BE DIFFICULT FOR YEMEN NOT TO FOLLOW SUIT, ALBEIT  
RELUCTANTLY.  
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